

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6-12 are pending in the application, of which claims 7-12 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Attached please find a copy of the Declaration of Mr. Takeshi Oishi Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, which contains the data that was originally filed as an attachment to the October 13, 2010 Amendment.

The prior art

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,734,246 (Weitzel) or US 6,759,490 (Gerst). Office Action, pages 2-4. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2004/0062989 (Ueno). Office Action, pages 4-5. Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,656,633 (Yamakawa) or US 6,884,837 (Kohlhammer) or US 4,473,678 (Fink). Office Action, pages 5-7.

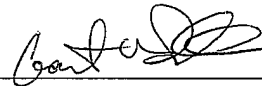
Applicants' traversal as set forth in the October 13, 2010 Amendment is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, PhD, Registration No. 43575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132